that the essence of learning can be captured in just one or two books. It is ironic that this boycott should take place now, 50 years after sunnery carried word of Norgay and Hillary's monumental achievement from Everest Base Camp to Kathmandu. But the fate of 18 innocent "innocent people" has been eclipsed by pomp and ceremony. It is crucial that we honour human virtue and courage in the best way possible—by compelling Nepal's authorities to answer for their actions.

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